Item	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95
		(Qty : In MT) (Val: In Rs. Lakhs) (Unit Val: In Rs/MT)	
Year	Qty.	Value	Unit Value
1992-93	80.15	51.58	64,354
1993-94	671.84	263.47	39,216
1994-95	5947.58	2178.71	36,631

(SOURCE: DGCI&S, CALCUTTA)

(b) It is the policy of the Government to allow export of any item of mass consumption only after careful consideration of domestic requirement. Further the review of Exim Policy is a continuous process and as and when considered necessary changes are notified.

(c) The prevailing domestic price of skimmed milk powder ranges between Rs. 60,000 and Rs. 62,000/. PMT (Ex-factory price), whereas International prices of EEC origin of skimmed milk powder are about Rs. 82,250/MT.

Lack of Infrastructural Facilities for Exports

2192. SHRI KRISHAN LALA SHARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the main constraints in the smooth flow of goods for exports are lack of infrastructural facilities;

(b) whether Government have identified these constraints; and

(c) the steps being taken or already taken to remove them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Export infrastructure includes utilities, support services for production, transportation, communications, banking, customs facilities etc. and is catered to by Government Departments and by public and private agencies.

Creation of Export infrastructure involves heavy investments and gestation periods. Consequently, the growth of infrastructure tends to trail the rate of growth in exports initially.

Government is taking concerted action to strengthen the infrastructure. Communication links and technologies are being upgraded. Investments for providing support services to production are underway. Increased recourse has been made to containerisation and multimodal transport of goods with attendant strengthening of the infrastructure at ports. Inland Container Deposits (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs) are being established at various locations in the country involving the private sector as will. An Open Sky Policy for carriage of Air Cargo has been introduced to augment air cargo capacity. Procedural simplifications have been introduced.

The Ministry of Commerce maintains close liaison with exporters and agencies involved in the export function to facilitate free movement of goods. Regular meetings of Standing Committees on promotion of Exports by Air and Shipping (SCOPE — AIR and SCOPE-SHIPPING) are held to resolve critical issues.